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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (December 1-7, 2008)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

¶2. (U) During the December 1-7, 2008 reporting period, no security official was killed or injured. The total number of security force casualties for the year through December 7, 2008, was 140 killed and 247 injured.

¶3. (U) During the same period, three PKK terrorists were killed in clashes in Sirnak Province on December 4 and 6. Three were captured and six surrendered. According to official TGS website figures, through the first week of December, the number of PKK militants killed this year was 657, the number of those captured was 161, and the number of those who surrendered was 161.

¶4. (U) During the reporting period two civilians were killed by an IED in Cukurca, Hakkari Province on December 2, and by a landmine in Agri Province on December 5. Another two civilians were injured in the Agri landmine explosion. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the fourth week of November, was 48 killed, with another 252 wounded.

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